

COUNCIL:

28 November 2019

REPORT OF DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Reason for this Report

1. To appoint Local Authority School Governors.

Background

2. Section 19 of the Education Act 2002 creates the general ability for the Local Authority to appoint governors to the governing bodies of maintained schools, with further detail contained in the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005. When Local Authority school governor vacancies arise, either by appointees reaching the end of their term of office or resigning, it is the statutory duty of the Council to fill the vacancies as soon as possible.
3. The Local Authority Governor Panel was established to oversee this process was constituted at the Annual Council in May 2015 and held its first termly meeting in September 2015.

Issues

4. The Local Authority Governor Panel will meet on 26 November 2019 to consider new applications to current and future vacancies up 31 March 2020. The recommendations of the panel will be listed on the Amendment Sheet.

Reasons for Recommendations

5. To ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory functions in respect of the appointment of local authority governors for maintained schools.

Legal Implications

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the report, the Council is required, pursuant to the Education Act 2002, section 19 and regulations made there under, to appoint local authority governors to the governing bodies of maintained schools, in accordance with those statutory provisions.

7. Appointments to outside bodies are a local choice function, which is reserved under the Council's Constitution to full Council. Accordingly, the appointment of Local Authority governors to governing bodies, as recommended in this report, requires the approval of full Council.

Financial Implications

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Recommendation

9. That Council consider the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel of 10 September 2019 and approve the appointments of Local Authority governors to the school governing bodies as set out in Appendix 1.

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6 September 2019

List of Local Authority school governor vacancies and recommendations for appointment by the Local Authority Governor Panel for the period 01 December to 31 March 2020 will be listed on the Amendment Sheet.